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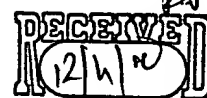
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10 For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING  
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30 Dear Sir:

Please consider the remarks and amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add claim 3 as follows:

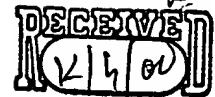
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3. A method of processing calls in a communication network where a caller pays the communication network for some of the calls, the method comprising:

receiving a call in the communication network;

40 determining if the caller is required to pay for the call before [implementing services for the call] connecting the call to a call destination;if the caller is required to pay for the call, then validating the caller before [implementing services for the call] connecting the call to the call destination; and*assess  
call costs  
for the  
call**exp. 8/11  
Billing 0/11**phone fone**CL  
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